

**REMARKS**

Claims 1-5, 7-21, 23 and 24 are pending in this application. Claims 6 and 22 have been previously canceled. Claim 25 has been added.

No new matter has been added. The Examiner is respectfully requested to revisit his initial determination regarding the Declaration submitted July 30, 2003 under 37 C.F.R. § 131. This request is made particularly with respect to new claim 25 and non-final status of this case facts which were not present during the initial determination.


**Conclusion**

Should there be any outstanding matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact Michael R. Cammarata (Reg. No. 39,491) at the telephone number of the undersigned below, to conduct an interview in an effort to expedite prosecution in connection with the present application.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 or 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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